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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

Applicants request reconsideration of the Decision on Appeal issued December 22, 2003, affirming the obviousness-type double patenting rejection over prior U.S. Patent No. 5,824,538. A Terminal Disclaimer was filed in the application on October 17, 2003, a copy of which is attached hereto. It is respectfully submitted that the Terminal Disclaimer overcomes the obviousness-type double patenting rejection. Accordingly, it is requested that the Board reverse the double patenting rejection and allow the patent to issue..

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It is believed that no fees are required. However, if the Patent Office deems that any fees are necessary, authorization is hereby granted to charge any required fees

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